

Cherry Blossom Festival Ranger Programs

Park Ranger programs will run from March 31st—April 15th, 2007, on the dates and times specified. All are free and open to the public.

Cherry Talks/Walks:

10:00, 11:30 am, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, and 5:30 pm (Daily; two talks at each time slot)

Learn about the natural and cultural history of the cherry trees! Meet at the entrance to the FDR Memorial (on the Tidal Basin near the bookstore). Two rangers will present a walk/talk at each time, ranging in walking distance and time, and you can choose which of the two programs you would like to participate in.

Bloomin' Junior Ranger Programs:

Arts and Crafts Tent: 11:00 am—3:00 pm (Daily)

Jr. Ranger Program: 3:00—4:00 pm (Daily)

Kids!!! Come anytime between 11 am and 3 pm to the arts and crafts tent to create all different types of American and Japanese art. From 3-4 pm, a park ranger will lead a one-hour Junior Ranger program with fun-filled activities, aimed at kids in the 7-11 age range. All who participate in the program will receive a Jr. Ranger badge. Meet at the entrance to the FDR Memorial (by the bookstore).

Lantern Tours:

8:00—10:00 pm (Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays)

Take a tour of the cherry blossoms at night, complete with hand-held lanterns! Meet at the paddle boat pavilion along the Tidal Basin. We will provide a Japanese lantern as your light source, but feel free to bring a flashlight. The walk will cover about 1.5 miles and last 2 hours.

Cherry Bike Tours:

1:00-4:00 pm (Saturdays and Sundays)

Enjoy the spring weather and go on a bike ride! Meet at the bottom of the steps of the Jefferson Memorial, along the Tidal Basin. Bring your own bike, helmet, and water. This tour will last about 2-3 hours, and you can stay for as much of the tour as you would like. Special emphasis will be put on the cherry trees on the Saturday bike tours.